

the unparalleled natural resources and outstanding quality of life in Chester County. This wonderful nonprofit organization should be applauded for their hard-work and dedication to this most worthy cause.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO GINA
ROBISON-BILLUPS**

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gina Robison-Billups, for being honored by the Nevada District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration as the Home Based Business Champion of the Year.

Gina attended Loyola Marymount University and, shortly thereafter, began running her parents' home-based entertainment business. Gina then started her own business, the Marketing and Business Development Corporation, which specialized in providing marketing and business strategy services to small business clients. During her tenure at the head of the Marketing and Business Development Corp., Gina noticed that there was no organization that specifically targeted women business owners and she committed to help the 64 million working mothers in America.

In addition to her successful business endeavors, Gina has also established the Moms in Business Network and the International Association of Working Mothers. Through these networks, Gina has provided valuable networking opportunities as well as educational and financial opportunities through the grant program run by the Moms in Business Network. Presently, the network has over 250 members and the International Association has over 1,500 members worldwide.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Gina Robison-Billups; her dedication to helping working mothers is truly commendable. I congratulate her for her recent recognition by the Nevada District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007**

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1867) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes:

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 1867, which authorizes \$21 billion in funding for the National Science Foundation over the next 3 years.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) was created by the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, with a broad mission of supporting science, engineering and funding basic research across many disciplines. As the only

agency dedicated to the support of education and fundamental research in all scientific and engineering disciplines, we must continue to be generous and fund the NSF at the necessary levels to remain at the forefront of discovery, learning, and innovation.

In 1952, the NSF began by funding 28 research grants—in 2005 the number has grown to well over 10,000. In 2005, the agency received 42,000 proposals for research, fellowships, and projects in science, mathematics, and engineering.

There have been more than 100 Nobel Prize Winners and thousands of other distinguished scientists and engineers that have conducted their groundbreaking research with funding from the NSF.

From successfully splitting the atom, to landing the first man on the moon, to mapping the human genome, it is because of our investment in science and technology that the United States can be credited for these accomplishments. The majority of the research supported by the NSF is conducted at U.S. colleges and universities and approximately 82.6% of its estimated research and development (R&D) budget for 2005 was awarded to U.S. colleges and universities.

Today, we live in a global society and must continue to invest in our research and development to ensure we remain competitive in this global society. Every year, China and India graduate 950,000 engineers in comparison to the 70,000 the United States graduates each year. We must adequately fund and support the NSF, in order to be internationally competitive and continue to make those cutting-edge discoveries that have forever changed the way we view innovation.

I thank Mr. Baird for bringing this legislation to the floor and encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill.

**IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT P.
BINKLEY**

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Robert P. Binkley for his unyielding dedication to the Social Security Administration of Northeastern Ohio.

Robert Binkley has been a devoted member of the SSA for over 40 years. He worked at the first social security teleclaims taking center in Cleveland, where he provided all the agency's beneficiaries with the prompt and courteous service they deserve. He continued his personal commitment to help those in vulnerable positions as a field representative in Michigan.

Robert later returned to the Cleveland area as a supervisor in the Akron office. It was no surprise to his peers when he was promoted the Manager of the Teleservice Center in Cincinnati, and then Cleveland. While manager of the Cleveland Teleservice Center, Robert spent time at the SSA's headquarters in Baltimore, where he was instrumental in developing a national 800 number service guide for the nation's teleservice centers. Because of his ingenuity, many telecommunication services across the country are able to better

serve their clients. Robert's continued dedication to improving the customer experience led to the development of a nonreceipt method so that SSA beneficiaries could receive replacement checks seven to ten days sooner.

With the same enthusiasm Robert demonstrated when assisting the public, he encouraged his staff to attain higher positions within the agency. He continuously offered advice and expertise and many careers have been cultivated under Robert's tutelage.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Robert P. Binkley for his exceptional public service. His selfless devotion to the Social Security Administration and his staff has left an indelible mark on the community.

**ON PASSAGE OF THE TORTURE
VICTIMS RELIEF ACT—H.R. 1678**

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, last week I was pleased to have the opportunity to vote to extend the Torture Victims Relief Act (TVRA). I have been a cosponsor of this legislation since 2003. In the last Congress, the bill became law, but it authorized appropriations only through the end of fiscal year 2007. So it's important that Congress act to renew it before the current authorization expires. H.R. 1678 authorizes for two years additional appropriations for domestic centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture, for foreign centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for the U.N. Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

There is no question about the need for this funding. Two-thirds of the world's countries still practice torture. An estimated 500,000 torture survivors live in the United States, and about 1,100 refugees and 400 asylum seekers enter my state of Colorado alone each year. Repressive governments use torture to target the very leaders who share our principles of freedom and democracy. Without their voices, communities are fearful. But torture treatment can undo the legacy of torture and reclaim the leaders who stand with us in promoting human rights and the rule of law.

I am proud that one of the most effective domestic torture treatment centers is located in Colorado. This year is the tenth anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Survivors Center (RMSC), which has served over 1,000 survivors of torture from over 53 different countries and regions around the world, in 35 languages. The RMSC is working hard to ensure that torture survivors in Colorado become functioning members of the citizenry through its in-house Legal Services, physical and mental healthcare, psychosocial services, and interpreter services. Most recently, RMSC introduced a community development effort to bring the topic of torture and its impact to newcomer communities in Colorado and hear from those newcomers what that impact has been on the larger community, the families of survivors and the survivors themselves.

The Rocky Mountain Survivor Center also educates providers, healthcare systems, and community members about torture and how to work to heal the wounds of torture, as well as

how to work to ameliorate and eradicate torture itself. The RMSC stands firmly as a voice for the voiceless in Colorado and as a beacon of hope for those whose hope has been stolen by torture. Domestic centers like RMSC receive funding from the Office of Refugee Settlement in the Health and Human Services Department and other private sources to assist survivors of torture and war trauma and their families. But levels of funding for the domestic and international parts of this program don't begin to match authorization levels. Domestic torture treatment programs were funded at almost \$10 million in FY 2007 (and have been funded at this same level since 2000), fully \$15 million short of authorized levels. International torture treatment centers were funded at \$8.5 million in FY07, \$4.5 million short of authorized levels. And the U.S. contribution to the U.N. Fund for Victims of Torture was funded at \$6.5 million in FY07, \$1.5 million short of authorized levels.

The Torture Victims Relief Act is vitally necessary for the work of rehabilitation in this country, but the domestic portion of the bill is woefully underfunded to accomplish this task. There are well over 500,000 survivors of torture in America today, many of whom do not get the services they need because of the shortage of funds. The U.N. Fund and international portions of the bill should also be generously funded to ensure America's leadership in the fight against torture throughout the world through partnerships and building capacity at centers devoted to healing of torture victims.

When Congress adopted the Torture Victims Relief Act last year, we made a commitment to ensure our population of victims of torture wouldn't be left behind. Now is the time to fulfill that promise and demonstrate that survivors of torture won't be forgotten on our watch.

So I am pleased that this bill passed overwhelmingly in the House, and I urge my colleagues to demonstrate the same enthusiasm when considering appropriation levels for TVRA programs in the next fiscal year.

TRIBUTE TO BLY STORY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Bly Story, an outstanding citizen from Cave City, AR. His recent death was a great loss to the community and the State of Arkansas.

Bly Story was born on October 18th, 1918, at Cave City, Arkansas. Story was a WWII U.S. Air Force veteran and a farmer. Story strongly believed in giving back to the community, which is why he coached the Tuckerman High School baseball team for 8 years, where he led them to multiple district championship titles and served as the All-State basketball coach for 2 years.

Story also served on the Riceland Food board of directors from 1957 to 2005 and the Arkansas Electric Co-op board of directors from 1999 to 2002.

Bly Story's service to his community and his Nation go far beyond the details enumerated here. He was a great American, a wonderful

friend and a counselor to me. He will be missed by all who loved him.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. JOHN HORACE MOSTELLER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Dr. John Horace Mosteller was a devoted family man, nationally recognized dentist, and dedicated community leader.

As an officer in the United States Navy, dentist, author, special lecturer at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry and Loyola University of New Orleans School of Dentistry, clinical professor at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, and essayist, Dr. Mosteller dedicated his 84 years to helping others.

Dr. Mosteller served as editor of the Journal of the Alabama Dental Association for 42 years and was inducted into the inaugural class of the Alabama Health Care Hall of Fame in 1998. Over the course of his distinguished career, he published more than 250 papers in the dental literature and was author or coauthor of nine books.

It goes without saying that Dr. Mosteller was well known throughout the dental community. He served as an essayist at more than 800 dental meetings in 46 states and a dozen foreign countries, lectured at 43 American universities, and was a national consultant for restorative dentistry to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army for 14 years, a position equivalent to the rank of brigadier general.

Dr. Mosteller had the distinction of serving as the first vice president of the American Dental Association and was a member of the board of trustees of the Alabama Dental Association for 30 years. He was presented with Loyola University's 50th anniversary Award of Merit and was named Dentist of the Year by the Alabama Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

But his contributions did not end in the professional arena—Dr. Mosteller devoted much of his time to the Mobile community. He was a member of the Mobile Kiwanis Club and chairman of the dental division of the United Fund. When his busy schedule did allow for free time, you could likely find Dr. Mosteller at the Mobile Country Club, where he was a member for 50 years and served as both board member and president.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. Dr. John Horace Mosteller will be deeply missed by his family—his children, Matt Mosteller, Charles Mosteller, Cynthia Mosteller, Nancy Mosteller Hoffman, Mary Lou Mosteller, Pauline Mosteller Danner, and Barbara Mosteller Price and his 15 grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes:

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Chairman, I rise in fervent support of H.R. 1429, the Improving Head Start Act. This bill represents one of the most important pieces of legislation that Congress will deliberate because it affects a countless number of our young children and helps prepare them for a lifetime of learning and success.

Specifically, I applaud and support Congresswoman JOHNSON's amendment which addresses the need of engaging low-income and minority students, who overwhelmingly attend HCBUs, and provides them with additional opportunities to train in early childhood education at the undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels.

These same college students would then be required to teach in Head Start programs educating students who share similar backgrounds and family situations.

Mr. Chairman, the Johnson amendment is a win-win for our college students, our beginning students, and for the health and future of this country.

Research verifies what we already understand, that the earlier our children are engaged in the learning process the higher their chances of success later in school and in life.

Head Start promotes school readiness by providing our youngest students with early reading and math skills, enhancing their social and cognitive development, and providing them with health, nutritional, and other services.

By addressing the educational needs of our youngest children early on, we will increase our chances of closing existing achievement gaps. I urge all of my colleagues to support the Johnson Amendment, and the Improving Head Start Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAUPACK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. CARNEY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Paupack United Methodist Church. The Paupack United Methodist Church in Paupack, Pennsylvania is a long-standing institution and contributor to our community.

Originally founded in 1807 as the Paupack Methodist Episcopal Church, they will celebrate their 200th anniversary in July. The church was founded after the first American Methodist Bishop, Francis Asbury, sent a